



# EMERALD KEEPERS

For an Emerald Green, Ocean Blue Coronado

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### JULY 5

**Bayside cleanup.**  
Join Emerald Keepers at 8am at end of the parking lot by D Avenue and First Street to clean up after the Fourth of July. Bring a bucket, gloves and a picker, if you have one.



### JULY 21

Join Emerald Keepers for a screening of the award-winning film *A Plastic Ocean*, which explores the fragile state of our oceans and uncovers alarming truths about the consequences of our disposable lifestyle. The film documents the global effects of plastic pollution and highlights workable technologies and innovative solutions to create a cleaner and greener ocean. For tickets, visit [EmeraldKeepers.org](http://EmeraldKeepers.org) 5:30pm, Village Theater

# BYE-BYE BALLOONS

**W**hile birthdays and celebrations often include balloons, our oceans and wildlife encourage us to find alternate decorations that don't harm nature.

Balloons that float into the sky eventually fall to earth as hazardous litter. Deflated or burst balloons that land in waterways pollute. Wildlife can mistake colorful balloons as food and ingest the dangerous particles. Animals can also become entangled in balloon strings damaging their feet, hands, or wings.  
Coronado



Balloon pieces regularly wash up on beaches.



beach clean ups routinely find balloon remnants, showing balloon pollution is also a Coronado issue.

Both mylar and latex balloons have negative environmental impacts. Mylar balloons are made of foil and plastic so never biodegrade and can cause extensive damage when floating into power lines.

Latex balloons burst as they reach the atmosphere shredding into small pieces that are the deadliest form of marine debris for sea birds. Even latex balloons labeled as natural or biodegradable contain toxic chemicals and can take years to degrade.

The recent popularity of gender reveal parties in parks and on beaches have added another layer of pollution as colorful foil, plastic, and paper are released from popped balloons. The wind can blow these pieces for miles.

Environmentally friendly alternatives to balloons include flags, banners, and streamers that can be reused. Any continued use of balloons is encouraged to be air-filled (as opposed to helium-filled) and weighted to ensure balloons do not escape, and all balloon waste should be properly disposed of in the trash.

Enjoying balloon-less celebrations can help our marine wildlife and keep Coronado Emerald Green, Ocean Blue.

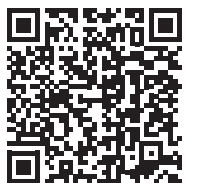


## CORONADO BAYSHORE BIKEWAY TOUR

**Ride the Bayshore Bikeway** from the historic Boat House down the Silver Strand on one of the most spectacular flat bike paths in Southern California. Learn about the history, flora, and fauna of the Silver Strand and San Diego Bay. See where the Navy SEALs and Marines train. Cycle past nesting grounds for the endangered least tern. If you ride past the turn-around point at Lowes Coronado to the estuary — another 2.2 miles — try to catch a

glimpse of Pink Floyd, our resident pink flamingo. The **FREE** tour is 4.3 miles to the turn-around making this an 8.6-mile round trip.

**Download the app:** Scan the QR code, create an account with VoiceMap, or download VoiceMap from the App Store or Google Play and search for San Diego. **Enjoy!**



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